

STATEMENT SHOWING MINIMUM NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE AND ORDINARY HOURS OF  
LABOUR FOR WORKERS IN SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA AT

30TH JUNE, 1953.

(Rates of Wage are quoted from the latest Award, Determination or Agreement operative  
On 30th June, 1953.)

ADULT MALES

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE		
	Rates of Wage		Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
	WOOD, FURNITURE, SAWMILLS, ETC.				
	s.	d.		s.	d.
<u>COOPERING.</u>					
Cooper	293/-		40	302/-	40
<u>FURNITURE.</u>					
Cabinet Maker	291/-		"	282/-	"
Chairmaker	291/-		"	282/-	"
French Polisher	291/-		"	282/-	"
Wood Carver	291/-		"	282/-	"
Wood Machinist	291/-		"	262/- to 282/-	"
<u>SAWMILLING &amp; TIMBER YARDS -</u>					
Box and Case Maker	271/-		"	262/-	"
Labourer	254/-		"	243/-	"
Machinist -					
Bolts Carver	287/6		"	278/6	"
Moulding	262/6 to 287/6		"	253/6 to 278/6	"
Planing	272/6 & 287/6		"	263/6 & 278/6	"
Shaping	287/6		"	278/6	"
Orderman	274/6		"	265/6	"
Sawyer -					
Band or Jig	272/- to 293/-		"	263/- to 284/-	"
Circular	273/- & 285/6		"	264/- & 276/6	"
Tallyman	272/6		"	253/6	"
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.</u>					
<u>BOILERMAKING -</u>					
Boilermaker	293/-		40	281/-	40
Helper	264/-		"	255/-	"
Labourer	264/-		"	255/-	"
<u>BRASSWORKING -</u>					
Finisher	278/- & 293/-		"	269/- & 284/-	"
Moulder	269/- to 293/-		"	260/- to 284/-	"
<u>ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION -</u>					
Armature Winder	293/-		"	284/-	"
Fitter	293/-		"	284/-	"
Linesman	281/-		"	272/-	"
Mechanic	293/-		"	284/-	"
Wireman	281/-		"	272/-	"
<u>ELECTRICAL SUPPLY -</u>					
Armature Winder	305/-		"	284/-	"
Instrument Maker	308/6		"	299/6	"
Linesman	299/-		"	272/-	"
Shift Electrician	305/-		"	284/-	"
<u>ENGINEERING -</u>					
Blacksmith	294/6		"	285/6	"
Brassfinisher	278/- & 293/-		"	269/- & 284/-	"
Coppersmith	294/6		"	285/6	"
Fitter	293/-		"	284/-	"

## WEEKLY WAGE RATES &amp; HOURS, ADULT MALES 30TH JUNE, 1953 (Continued).

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS (Cont'd)</u>				
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>ENGINEERING - (Contd.)</u>				
Labourer	264/-	40	255/-	40
Patternmaker	306/-	"	297/-	"
Shaper	278/- & 293/-	"	269/- & 284/-	"
Striker	264/- & 266/-	"	255/- & 257/-	"
Turner	293/-	"	284/-	"
<u>MOULDING (IRON) -</u>				
Coremaker	269/- to 293/-	"	260/- to 284/-	"
Labourer	264/-	"	255/-	"
Moulder	269/- to 293/-	"	260/- to 284/-	"
<u>MOULDING (STEEL) -</u>				
Coremaker	293/-	"	284/-	"
Labourer	264/-	"	255/-	"
Moulder	293/-	"	284/-	"
<u>SHIP REPAIR WORKING -</u>				
Canister Maker	267/-	"	258/-	"
Machinist	263/-	"	254/-	"
Solderer	263/- & 267/-	"	254/- & 258/-	"
Tinsmith	278/- & 293/-	"	269/- & 284/-	"
<u>FOOD, DRINK, ETC.</u>				
<u>BAKING (BREAD) -</u>				
Board Hand	301/-	40	299/2	38
Bread Carter (1 horse)	281/-	"	273/-	42
Ovenman	309/6	"	299/2	38
Single Hand	306/-	"	310/-	38
<u>BAKING (BISCUITS AND CAKES) -</u>				
Baker	273/6	"	271/-	40
General Labourer	247/-	"	245/-	"
Mixer	262/- & 266/-	"	270/-	"
<u>BREWING -</u>				
Cellarman	275/- & 280/-	"	271/5	"
Driver (1 horse)	278/-	"	274/-	"
Labourer	275/-	"	268/-	"
Malt Hand	275/-	"	273/-	"
Towerman	280/-	"	277/-	"
<u>BUTCHERING (RETAIL) -</u>				
Carter (1 horse)	276/-	"	255/6	"
General Hand	296/-	"	287/-	"
Shopman	296/-	"	287/-	"
Smallgoodsman	301/-	"	292/-	"
<u>CONFECTIONERY -</u>				
Journeyman	283/-	"	262/- to 274/-	"
Labourer	259/-	"	250/-	"
Storeman	259/- & 283/-	"	262/- to 282/2	"
<u>CAN MAKING -</u>				
General Labourer	256/-	"	256/-	"
Solderer	265/-	"	265/-	"
<u>CAN PACKING -</u>				
Capper	293/6	"	300/-	"
Guillotine Hand	271/-	"	300/-	"
Jokerman	281/-	"	300/-	"
Packer	271/-	"	300/-	"
Sermer	293/6	"	300/-	"
<u>CANNING (FLOUR) -</u>				
Miller (Shift)	292/- to 317/-	"	292/- to 317/-	"
Packerman	277/-	"	277/-	"
Purificerman	280/-	"	280/-	"
Shuttermen	280/-	"	280/-	"
Storeman (Head)	282/- & 287/-	"	282/- & 287/-	"
Tormen	280/-	"	280/-	"
<u>STEYCOOKING -</u>				
Packer	266/6	"	246/-	"
Pastrycook	287/6	"	290/-	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES & HOURS, ADULT MALES 30TH JUNE, 1953 (Continued).

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage		Rates of Wage	
	Hours		Hours	
	<u>CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.</u>			
	s.	d.	s.	d.
<u>BOOTMAKING</u> -				
Bootmaker	278/-	40	278/-	40
<u>TAILORING (ORDER)</u> -				
Cutter	366/-	"	317/-	"
Presser	281/-	"	281/-	"
Tailor	288/-	"	288/-	"
<u>TAILORING (READYMADE)</u> -				
Cutter	292/-	"	292/-	"
Presser	281/-	"	281/-	"
Tailor	288/-	"	288/-	"
Trimmer	281/-	"	281/-	"
<u>TEXTILE WORKING</u> -				
(Woollen Mills) -				
Carder	262/-	"	262/-	"
Dyehouseman	267/-	"	267/-	"
Labourer (General)	238/-	"	238/-	"
Scourer	267/- to 274/6	"	267/- to 274/6	"
Spinner	262/-	"	262/-	"
Tuner	255/- to 285/-	"	255/- to 285/-	"
Warper	264/-	"	264/-	"
	<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.</u>			
<u>BOOKBINDING</u> -				
Finisher	299/-	40	290/-	40
Bookbinding (Journeyman)	299/-	"	290/-	"
Paper Ruler	299/-	"	290/-	"
<u>PRINTING (DAILY NEWSPAPER)</u>				
Compositor -				
Day Work	367/- to 374/6	"	343/-	36
Night Work	382/- to 390/6	"	358/-	"
Machinist -				
Day Work	327/- to 359/6	"	347/6	40
Night Work	342/- to 355/6	"	372/6	38
Publisher -				
Day Work	304/6 to 312/-	"	301/6	40
Night Work	319/6 to 328/-	"	326/6	38
Reader -				
Day Work	334/6 to 342/-	"	343/-	40
Night Work	349/6 to 358/-	"	368/-	38
Stereotyper -				
Day Work	322/- to 334/6	"	343/-	39
Night Work	337/- to 350/6	"	366/-	38
<u>PRINTING (JOBGING OFFICES)</u> -				
Compositor	299/- to 309/6	"	290/- to 300/6	40
Linotype Operator	309/6	"	300/6	"
Machinist	299/-	"	290/-	"
Reader	302/6	"	293/6	"
Stereotyper	299/-	"	290/-	"
	<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING</u>			
<u>BRICKMAKING</u> -				
Burner	271/- & 277/-	40	273/-	40
Clayholeman	288/-	"	274/6	"
Drawer	293/6	"	272/6 & 275/-	"
Trucker	285/-	"	267/-	"
Setter	293/6	"	272/6 & 285/-	"
<u>COACHMAKING</u> -				
Bodymaker	293/-	"	284/-	"
Labourer	244/-	"	235/-	"
Painter	266/6 to 287/6	"	257/6 to 278/6	"
Springmaker	293/-	"	284/-	"
Trimmer	287/6	"	278/6	"
Wheelwright	293/-	"	284/-	"

## WEEKLY WAGE RATES &amp; HOURS, ADULT MALES 30TH JUNE, 1953 (Continued).

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING (Cont'd.).</u>				
<u>GAS-MAKING AND SUPPLY -</u>	s. d.		s. d.	
Coke Trimmer	269/-	40	253/-	40
Gasfitter	311/-	"	289/6	"
Labourer	256/-	"	247/-	"
Water Tester	270/- & 279/-	"	276/-	"
Service Layer	285/-	"	270/-	"
Service Layer's Labourer	266/-	"	253/-	"
Stoker	280/-	"	265/-	"
<u>JEWELLERY -</u>				
Chainmaker	291/-	"	284/-	"
Mounter	291/-	"	284/-	"
Setter	299/-	"	274/6	"
<u>SADDLERY AND HARNESS MAKING -</u>				
Collar Maker	281/-	"	272/-	"
Harness Maker	281/-	"	272/-	"
<u>TANNING AND CURRYING -</u>				
Beamsman	288/6	"	279/6	"
Labourer	264/6	"	255/6	"
Limeman	281/6	"	272/6	"
<u>Machinist -</u>				
Shaving	289/6 to 295/6	"	280/6 to 286/6	"
Splitting	295/6 to 302/6	"	286/6 to 293/6	"
Unhairing	288/6	"	275/6	"
Tableman	283/6 to 289/6	"	272/6 to 280/6	"
<u>BUILDING.</u>				
Bricklayer	330/-	40	318/-	40
Carpenter	336/8	"	294/6	"
Mason (Stone)	320/-	"	290/8	"
Painter	320/-	"	315/-	"
Paperhanger	320/-	"	315/-	"
Signwriter	332/6	"	315/-	"
Plasterer	327/9	"	318/4	"
Lumber	328/9	"	317/11	"
Labourer - +				
Bricklayer's	266/6	"	257/6	"
Carpenter's	266/6	"	257/6	"
Concrete Worker	266/6	"	257/6	"
Earth Excavator	266/6	"	257/6	"
Gear Worker	275/6	"	265/6	"
Scaffold Hand	275/6	"	266/6	"
<u>RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES</u>				
<u>RAILWAYS</u>				
Engine Driver Loco -				
1st Class	333/-	Ø	324/-	Ø
2nd Class	324/-	Ø	315/-	Ø
3rd Class	324/-	Ø	315/-	Ø
Fireman -				
1st Class	283/-	Ø	274/-	Ø
2nd Class	280/-	Ø	271/-	Ø
3rd Class	276/-	Ø	267/-	Ø
Guard -				
1st Class	300/-	Ø	290/6	Ø
2nd Class	291/- & 294/-	Ø	273/- to 284/6	Ø
3rd Class	286/- & 288/-	Ø	273/- to 284/6	Ø
Porter -	257/- to 288/-	Ø	248/6 to 283/-	Ø
Conductor -				
1st Class	299/- & 303/-	*	289/- & 292/-	*
2nd Class	288/6 & 291/6	*	281/6 & 284/6	*
3rd Class	269/- to 285/-	*	262/- & 271/6	*

+ Rates exclude allowances for statutory holidays, following the job, and sick pay.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES & HOURS, ADULT MALES 30TH JUNE, 1953. (Continued).

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rate of Wage	Hours	Rate of Wage	Hours
<u>RAILWAY AND TRAINWAY SERVICES (Cont'd.)</u>				
<u>RAILWAYS (Cont'd.)</u>	s. d.		s. d.	
Signalman -				
1st Class	315/-	*	295/6	*
2nd Class	307/-	ø	282/6	ø
3rd Class	299/-	ø	274/6	ø
<u>TRAINWAYS -</u>				
Conductor -				
1st Year	262/-	40	255/-	40
2nd Year	268/-	"	261/-	"
3rd Year	268/-	"	261/-	"
Labourer	256/6	"	249/-	"
Maintenance Man	264/- & 267/-	"	258/-	"
Motorman -				
1st Year	271/-	"	255/-	"
2nd Year	271/-	"	261/-	"
3rd Year	271/-	"	261/-	"
Pitman	281/-	"	269/-	"
* 76 hours per fortnight.		ø 80 hours per fortnight.		
<u>TRANSPORT (OTHER)</u>				
<u>CARRYING MERCHANDISE -</u>				
Carter -				
1 horse	272/-	40	255/6	40
2 horses	277/-	"	263/6	"
Stable Hand	271/6 to 276/6	"	250/-	"
Motor Lorries & Wagons -				
Under 3 tons	274/- to 284/-	"	263/6 & 269/6	"
3 tons and over	288/- to 292/-	"	274/-	"
<u>WHARF LABOUR -</u>				
Wharf Labourer (per hour)	8/9		8/9	
<u>HOTELS, ETC.</u>				
<u>HOTELS -</u>				
Barman	271/-	40	261/-	40
Billiard Marker	261/-	"	252/-	"
Cook	271/- to 311/-	"	252/- to 302/-	"
Handyman	261/-	"	252/-	"
Kitchenman	261/-	"	252/-	"
Porter	261/-	"	252/-	"
Waiter	261/- & 271/-	"	252/- & 262/-	"
<u>HAIRDRESSING -</u>				
Full Hand	291/-	"	290/6	"
Hairdresser	281/-	"	271/-	"
<u>GENERAL LABOUR.</u>				
<u>FACTORY ENGINE DRIVING -</u>				
Engine Driver -				
1st Class	278/- & 284/6	40	269/- & 275/6	40
2nd Class	273/- & 278/-	"	264/- & 269/-	"
Fireman -				
1st Class	273/-	"	264/-	"
2nd Class	268/-	"	259/-	"
<u>MUNICIPAL -</u>				
Labourer	276/-	"	251/-	"
Street Sweeper	276/-	"	257/-	"
<u>SHOP ASSISTANTS -</u>				
Boot Salesman	283/-	"	269/-	"
Drapery Salesman	283/-	"	269/-	"
Furniture Salesman	283/-	"	272/-	"
Grocery Salesman	283/-	"	265/-	"
Hardware Salesman	283/-	"	269/-	"
Men's Clothing Salesman	283/-	"	269/-	"
<u>STOREMEN AND PACKERS -</u>				
Packer (General)	273/6 & 276/6	"	273/-	"
Storeman (General)	272/- & 274/6	"	273/-	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES & HOURS, ADULT FEMALES, 30th JUNE, 1953.

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>FOOD.</u>				
	s. d.		s. d.	
Biscuit Making	182/6	40	193/9	40
Confectionery	193/6	"	187/6	"
Jam Making and Preserving	192/3	"	192/3	"
<u>CLOTHING &amp; TEXTILES</u>				
Bootmaking	193/6	40	193/6	40
Dressmaking	181/6 to 211/6	"	181/6 to 211/6	"
Hatmaking	181/6	"	181/6	"
Shirt Making	181/6	"	181/6	"
Underclothing	181/6 to 211/6	"	181/6 to 211/6	"
<u>TAILORING - ORDER -</u>				
Tailor (Coat)	211/6	"	211/6	"
" (Trousers & Vest)	199/-	"	199/-	"
Tailoress (Coat)	227/6	"	227/6	"
" (Trousers & Vest)	199/-	"	199/-	"
<u>TAILORING - READYMADE -</u>				
Tailor (Coat)	201/6	"	201/6	"
" (Trousers & Vest)	196/6	"	196/6	"
Tailoress (Coat)	201/6	"	201/6	"
" (Trousers & Vest)	196/6	"	196/6	"
<u>TEXTILE WORKING (WOOLLEN MILLS) -</u>				
Comb Minder	191/6	"	191/6	"
Drawbar & Mender	190/6 & 193/6	"	190/6 & 193/6	"
Warper	193/6	"	193/6	"
Beaver (Loom)	196/6	"	196/6	"
Millbox Minder	190/6	"	190/6	"
Other Adult	178/6	"	178/6	"
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOKBINDING -</u>				
Folder	204/6	40	198/-	40
Stitcher	204/6	"	198/-	"
<u>WATERBOARD BOX -</u>				
Boxmaker	202/6 & 209/-	"	198/- & 202/6	"
Other	192/ to 204/-	"	186/6 to 195/6	"
<u>PRINTING -</u>				
Pressing Office Assistant	204/6	"	198/-	"
<u>HOTELS AND SHOPS, ETC.</u>				
<u>HOTELS -</u>				
Barmaid	210/6	40	262/-	40
Housemaid	194/6	"	186/-	"
Laundress	198/6	"	192/-	"
Waitress - Head	200/6	"	194/-	"
Waitress - Other	194/6	"	186/-	"
<u>RESTAURANTS -</u>				
Pantry Maid	180/6	"	183/-	"
Waitress	180/6	"	183/-	"
<u>CLERKS -</u>				
Cashiers	202/6	"	202/-	"
Clerical Assistants	200/6	"	202/-	"
<u>SHOPS -</u>				
Boot Saleswoman	202/6 & 283/-	"	189/6	"
Drapery Saleswoman	202/6 & 283/-	"	189/6 & 269/-	"
Fruit & Confectionery Saleswoman	189/6 & 202/6	"	185/6	"
Newsagent & Bookstall Saleswoman	202/6	"	174/6 & 178/6	"